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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in response to an Office Action, mail date <u>April 28, 2009</u>. The shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action expired on <u>July 28, 2009</u>. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a <u>three</u> - month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action. The date on which the period for response is thereby extended to expire <u>October 28, 2009</u>. Thus, this Response is timely filed.

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